



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Study Session Minutes

Parks Maintenance and Capital Funding

Heard immediately following the regular City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

1:30 PM

LOCATION:

Council Chambers- 200 E. Santa Clara Street

MATT MAHAN, MAYOR
ROSEMARY KAMEI, DISTRICT 1
PAMELA CAMPOS, DISTRICT 2
CARL SALAS, DISTRICT 3
DAVID COHEN, DISTRICT 4
PETER ORTIZ, DISTRICT 5
MICHAEL MULCAHY, DISTRICT 6
BIEN DOAN, DISTRICT 7
DOMINGO CANDELAS, DISTRICT 8
PAM FOLEY, VICE MAYOR, DISTRICT 9
GEORGE CASEY, DISTRICT 10

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

5:07 p.m. – Study Session.

Present: Casey, Salas, Candelas, Doan, Mulcahy, Ortiz,
Cohen, Campos, Kamei, Foley, Mahan.

Absent: None.

City Council Study Session

Purpose: The goal of the Study Session is to educate and engage the City Council on funding for park maintenance, capital projects, and a preliminary work plan for a 2026 parks funding ballot measure.

Outcome: City Council will:

- Understand the primary funding sources for the Parks and Capital Divisions within the Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department.
- Have a renewed perspective on park maintenance and funding challenges.
- Gain insight into how San José’s parks system compares to other cities.
- Learn about opportunities to improve park funding in the future, including a potential 2026 parks funding ballot measure.

Jon Cicirelli, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Raymond Constantino, Deputy Director of Capital Projects, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Avi Yotam, Deputy Director of Parks, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Torie O’Reilly, Division Manager of Park Maintenance, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; Sara Sellers, Division Manager of the Capital Division, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; and Pamela Velasco, Capital Budget Coordinator, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services offered the presentation and responded to questions.

Public Comment

Alie Victorine, Jean Dresden, Sharon McCray, Helen Chapman, Bob Levy, Michele Mashburn, Melissa Lopez, and Henry Soong offered public testimony regarding the item.

Adjournment

The Council of the City of San José adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Minutes Recorded, Prepared, and Respectfully Submitted by,



Vanessa Velez, Deputy City Clerk,
City of San José

Approved at Council on:

of Actions: 0

Attest By:



Toni Taber, MMC,
City Clerk, City of San José